(c) whether the reports of these aircraft accidents have been processed and the assessment of the air worthiness of these aircraft (747) has been made through Air safety organisation ; and

(d) if so, what are their recommendations and whether Government propose to stop buying 747 aircraft?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL) : (a) No Indian registered B. 747 aircraft was involved in any accident in India and abroad during 1988. However, an American registered Air France operated B. 747 aircraft was involved in an accident at IGI airport, Delhi on 24-7-88. Another American registered B. 747 aircraft operated by Pan Am was involved in an accident at Lockerbie (Scotland) on 21-2-1988. Recently, Press report reveals that United Airlines B. 747 aircraft while flying over Pacific Ocean was involved in an accident in which 9 persons died.

(b) B-747 aircraft are neither owned nor operated by Indian Airlines. During 1984-88, two B-747 aircraft owned and operated by Air India were involved in accidents. The first accident was due to engine fire inflight in Bangkok on 2-6-84 and the second accident was due to bomb blast, in the forward cargo hold area of the aircraft, in North Atlantic Ocean near Ireland on 23-6-85.

(c) and (d) The accident reports two Indian registered B. 747 aircraft were processed by the Director General of Civil Aviation and Ministry of Civil Aviation and action has been taken to implement the recommendations made in both the cases. No decision has been taken by Government to stop purchasing B. 747 aircraft.

Sanctioning of posts of Hindi Evaluator in Central Hindi Directorate

*120. SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sanctioned certain posts of Hindi Evaluator in the Central Hindi Directorate to teach Hindi for Bangla Medium students through correspondence course ; and

(b) if so, what is the number of posts sanctioned, the number of posts filled and the number of students for whom posts were sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Baby Food Code

814. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2254 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th November, 1988 and state :

(a) what are the reasons for the delay in brining forward the proposed amendments to the Infant Milk Foods and Feeding Bottles (Regulation of Production Supply and Distribution) Bill, 1986 and the legislation of the Baby Food Code ; and

(b) whether Government have effected any amendments in the said bill ; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) : (a) Notices were given to the Lok Sabha Secretariat for consideration and passing of the Infant Milk Foods and Feeding Bottles (Regulation of Production, Supply and Distribution) Bill, 1986 in the Winter Session of Parliament. However, due to the busy schedule of the Lok Sabha Business the Bill could not come up for consideration in that Session.

The proposed Legislation is in conformity with the 'Indian National Code for Protection and Promotion of Breast Feeding', adopted in December 1983.

(b) Yes, Sir. Certain technical amendments such as change of year, change of nomenclature of Indian Standards Institution etc., are being effected.

Visit of Canadian National Defence College delegation

815. SHRI K.V. THANGKABALU : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a delegation of Canadian National Defence College visited India recently;

(b) if so, the nature of discussions held with the delegation ; and

(c) what has been the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Canadian Defence College is essentially an institution which trains senior military, civilian and other executive to serve in senior positions. The College annually conducts a field study for its officers in many countries, and their visit to India was part of a regional tour of several countries in Asia. During their stay in India, there were no specific discussions held. The team however was given briefings by officials on India's foreign affairs, defence and socio-economic policies.

Harassment of Indian Women by Indian Embassy in Saudi Arabia

816. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it has been reported by the non-resident Indians in Saudi Arabia that the Indian Embassy is questioning the integrity of each Indian woman working there by asking her to produce an affidavit sworn by her husband stating that he is the legal father of the child born to her even after production of marriage certificate, duly attested by the respective State Home Departments and his Ministry ;

(b) whether it is in accordance with Government policy ;

(c) whether it amounts to questioning of the chastity of Indian women working abroad ; and

(d) what corrective measures Governments propose to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) to (d) The Embassy of India in Riyadh has confirmed that no affidavit of the type referred to is sought by it at the time of registration of the birth of a child.